

SENATE BILL 1725

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-936, relative to the Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-936(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) in its entirety and substituting instead:

(4) Be admitted to and attend an eligible postsecondary institution seeking certification to teach mathematics or a science or seeking an advanced degree in a field of study that will increase the teacher's expertise in a field in which the teacher is already certified to teach or will lead to certification to teach in another field or an advanced degree in education administration or supervision.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-936(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (6) in its entirety and substituting instead:

(6) Agree to teach or be a school administrator or supervisor in a Tennessee public school system two (2) academic years for each year of funding provided by a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship and sign a promissory note that stipulates the cash repayment obligation incurred if the teaching, administrative or supervisory service is not fulfilled. If a teacher fails to teach or be a school administrator or a school supervisor in a Tennessee public school system for the number of years required to fulfill the teacher's, administrator's or supervisor's obligation pursuant to the award of a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship, then all funds obtained from the award of the scholarship shall be repaid; provided, however, that no repayment shall be due, if TSAC finds that it is impossible for such teacher, administrator or supervisor to fulfill such obligation because of the death or permanent disability of such person; and

SECTION 3. No scholarship shall be awarded as the result of the amendments made by this act to § 49-4-936 prior to fall semester, 2007.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring